

Preliminary Assessment Report

Project 3018169, 5701 6TH AVE S

Assessment Completed: 7/30/2014

Project Description: New parking garage for approximately 520 cars, on an existing open parking lot. 5 levels of parking proposed. Garage will be a free-standing independent structure.

Primary Applicant: [Christopher Hamilton](#)

This report lists the results of a preliminary assessment of your project requirements by various city departments. It's based on the project characteristics described on your site plan and preliminary application form. If your project required a pre-application site visit (PASV), the results of that site visit are also included. The goal of this report is to help you create a complete submittal package and reduce the need for corrections once your application has been submitted.

Next Steps

1. Review the requirements in this report and contact the staff members listed below with questions.
2. If a street improvement plan is required, develop and submit it to the Seattle Department of Transportation (SDOT). **The Department of Planning and Development (DPD) will not accept your permit application until your street improvement plan is approved as 60% complete by SDOT. See [SDOT Client Assistance Memo 2213](#) for guidance about the 60% complete approval process.**
3. Schedule an appointment for permit application intake with DPD. **Please bring a copy of this report to your intake appointment.**

Questions About This Report

If you have questions about the information in this report, contact the appropriate city staff member for each section.

DPD Drainage Requirements

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DPD Land Use Requirements

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Seattle Department of Transportation Requirements

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Seattle Public Utilities Requirements

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Water Availability

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Other Resources

- General questions about the permit process: Contact the DPD Applicant Services Center (ASC) at 206-684-8850.
- User-friendly guides to city permitting processes: [DPD](#) and [SDOT](#).
- [Detailed zoning information](#).
- Visit our [permit type pages](#) for step-by-step instructions and forms for preparing your application and plans for review.

Requirements

DPD Drainage Requirements

The following requirements are based on the current stormwater and side sewer codes.

Existing Public Drainage Infrastructure

Combined sewer main location: S Orca St and South Mead St

Combined sewer main size: 15"VC/12"RCP and 24"VC

Drainage

The drainage point of discharge (SMC 22.805.020) is located at: Combined sewer.

Flow Control Compliance

All new, replaced, and disturbed topsoil shall be amended with organic matter per rules promulgated by the Director prior to completion of the project to improve onsite management of drainage water flow and water quality per SMC 22.805.020.E. A completed [Construction Stormwater Control and Soil Amendment Standard Plan](#) is required.

Parcel-based projects with 7,000 square feet or more of land disturbing activity or 2,000 square feet or more of new plus replaced impervious surface must implement green stormwater infrastructure (bioretention cells, green roofs, permeable pavement, rainwater harvesting, etc.) to infiltrate, disperse, and retain drainage water onsite to the maximum extent feasible per SMC 22.805.020.F. and [Director's Rule 15-2012](#).

Flow control standards must be first met by utilizing green stormwater infrastructure to the maximum extent feasible. Additional flow control measures shall be installed if the flow control standard cannot be met solely using green stormwater infrastructure. Refer to [DR 17-2009](#). Submit a [Green Stormwater Requirement Calculator](#) along with additional flow control documentation.

For more information see: <http://www.seattle.gov/dpd/codesrules/codes/stormwater/default.htm>

This project site discharges to a **Public Combined Sewer** (SMC 805.050.A.5). Based upon the information provided on the Preliminary Application Form pertaining to land disturbing activity and existing and proposed impervious surfacing, this project shall **provide flow control meeting the Peak Flow Control Standard per SMC 22.805.080.B.4.**

The post-development peak flow with a 4% annual probability (25-year recurrence flow) shall not exceed 0.4 cubic feet per second per acre. Additionally, the peak flow with a 50% annual probability (2-year recurrence flow) shall not exceed 0.15 cubic feet per second per acre.

Projects with less than 10,000 sf new plus replaced impervious surface can use the [Pre-Sized Flow Control Calculator](#) in lieu of continuous modeling.

Water Quality

No requirements

Permanent and Temporary Dewatering

Per SMC 21.16.110, the proposed project requires a separate side sewer permit for temporary dewatering based on the following: excavation greater than 12 feet deep.

The footing drain (if part of building plan) point of discharge ([DPD DR 4-2011](#)) is located at the following: Combined system.

This project is required to obtain a side sewer permit for temporary dewatering (SSPTD) from DPD prior to issuance of the building permit ([DR 13-2010](#)). Since discharge is to the combined sewer, you must first obtain a discharge authorization letter from King County.

King County Industrial Waste Program
130 Nickerson St. Suite 200
Seattle, WA 98109-1658

Projects which propose to permanently discharge groundwater shall comply with Minimum Requirements for Discharges to a Capacity-constrained System, SMC Section 22.805.050.A.6 and SMC Section 22.805.060.A.6. See [DPD Director's Rule 13-2010](#) for more information.

DPD Land Use Code Requirements

Street Requirements

Based on the scope of the proposed project, the following street improvements are required per Chapter 23.53 of the Seattle Municipal Code. Please review Right-of-Way Improvements Manual for design criteria (<http://www.seattle.gov/transportation/rowmanual/manual/>). Show required street improvements on your "enhanced site plan" at DPD permit application intake. If an SDOT Street Improvement Plan (SIP) is required, please list SDOT project number and SDOT contact name on the enhanced site plan. Street Improvement Plans must be accepted by SDOT prior to DPD permit application intake.

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Pedestrian access walkway will be required to be installed in the portion of right-of-way abutting this lot.

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Curbs will be required to be installed in the portion of right-of-way abutting this lot.

A concrete sidewalk will be required to be installed in the portion of right-of-way abutting this lot.

Street trees shall be provided in the planting strip according to Seattle Department of Transportation Tree Planting Standards. Contact SDOT Urban Forestry (for residential projects: (206) 684-TREE; for all others: (206) 684-5693), to determine species of tree and standards of planting. Please add a note to the site plan showing size, location and species of tree to be planted.
<http://www.seattle.gov/transportation/treeplanting.htm>.

Land Use

Based on the project scope. SEPA may be required. See DPD Director's Rule 17-2012 for more details (<http://web1.seattle.gov/dpd/dirrulesviewer/>).

Preliminary screening of your project has been completed and it appears that your proposal is located in an environmentally critical area (ECA) which may require an ECA review and SEPA. For additional information about ECAs and SEPA, visit the DPD website (<http://www.seattle.gov/dpd/Codes/>).

This project will require a "Standard Transportation Study", which will need to be submitted at the intake appointment for the permit application. Please refer to Director's Rule 8-2012, which describes the required content for the study and how to apply for an exemption to this requirement. Your permit application will not be accepted unless the study is provided, or unless a Transportation Study Exemption has been granted.

Pre-Application Site Visit (PASV) Requirements

PASV report requirements may be subject to additions, changes, or modifications by the department. The purpose of the report is to alert the applicant that there may be unusual or complex site conditions that trigger requirements from the department regarding this project. **The applicant is responsible for providing all required documents at the intake appointment.** If you have questions about this report or the PASV process, please contact the DPD Site Development Team at (206) 684-8860.

Note: Any project application associated with the development site can utilize the results from this PASV if the application is accepted by DPD within 24 months of the above inspection date. After 24 months, the applicant must apply for another PASV. No extensions will be granted.

The site plan did not include the following existing or proposed elements:

- 1) Existing contours @ 2'-0 intervals and/or spot elevations that indicate site topography.
- 2) Existing trees (see note below).

ECA Mapping Unit and Type

This project site appears to include the following ECAs and/or buffers:

Liquefaction

Earth Disturbance

If excavation has the potential to encroach on adjacent property in order to facilitate construction activity, please provide documentation of consent from the adjacent property owner. Show area of proposed encroachment on the submitted drawings and detailed cross-sections.

If temporary cuts greater than 1h:1v will be required in order to facilitate construction activity, please provide a geotechnical engineer's verification that soil conditions allow cuts to stand unsupported. Include detailed cross sections.

Please show all existing and proposed retaining walls/rockeries and the exposed height.

If shoring will be required, please provide submittals by geotechnical and structural engineers and show the proposed system on the submitted drawings. Include detailed cross sections.

Existing ROW Conditions

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Street conditions:

Asphalt paving

Visible pavement width is: 24 LF

Curb conditions:

No curb adjacent to site

A storm inlet is located <350 ft from the site and prior to crossing a public right of way. Inlet @ SW quad of 6th Ave S & S Orcas St.

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Street conditions:

Concrete paving

Visible pavement width is: 32 LF

Curb conditions:

Curb adjacent to site

Concrete

Approximate curb height: 6 inches

A storm inlet does not appear to be located <350 ft from the site and prior to crossing a public right of way.

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Street conditions:

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Visible pavement width is: 30 LF

Curb conditions:

Curb adjacent to site

Concrete

Approximate curb height: 6 inches

A storm inlet is located <350 ft from the site and prior to crossing a public right of way. Inlet # NW quad of S Mead St & 6th Ave S.

It appears that drainage from that discharge point will remain in the gutter line all the way to the nearest inlet structure, but this assessment is preliminary and it is the responsibility of the applicant to meet all relevant SW code requirements.

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Potential Impacts to Seattle Parks Property

No parks property in vicinity

Tree Protection

Trees greater than 6 inches in diameter as measured 4.5 ft above ground are present on the site but not shown on the site plan. Show the dripline of

1) **all** trees on the site,

- 2) adjacent trees that encroach on the site that are greater than 6 inches in diameter as measured 4.5 ft above ground, and
- 3) **all** trees located in the adjacent ROW.

Include common and scientific names for all trees shown. For more information, see [Director's Rule 16-2008](#) and [Tip 242](#).

Construction Stormwater Control

All projects with earth disturbance, regardless of size, require temporary and permanent stormwater control in accordance with the Construction Stormwater Control (CSC) Technical Requirements Manual ([DR 16-2009, Volume 2](#)).

Show the following on the [Construction Stormwater Control and Soil Amendment Standard Plan](#):

Place compost socks, compost berms, filter fabric fencing, straw bales, straw wattles, or other approved perimeter control BMPs to eliminate construction stormwater runoff.

Show the location of a stabilized construction access to the site; show methods to eliminate uncontrolled conveyance of mud and dirt into the right of way (ROW).

Place silt-trapping inserts in receiving catch basins located within 10 feet of construction entrance.

Cover bare soil with compost blankets, straw, mulch, matting, or other approved equal to control construction stormwater runoff.

Cover stockpiles and bare slopes with compost blankets, tarps, matting or other approved equal to control construction stormwater runoff.

A First Ground Disturbance inspection is required before any ground disturbance related to this permit, including demolition, tree cutting, clearing, grubbing, and grading. After your permit is issued, schedule an inspection by calling (206) 684-8900 or [online](#) at <http://web1.seattle.gov/DPD/InspectionRequest/default.aspx>.

Inspectors Notes

Include earthwork calculations with submittal. Indicate total cut quantity and total fill/backfill quantity.

Standard Submittal Requirements for Projects in an ECA

The site is mapped as liquefaction prone. A geotechnical report is required to address liquefaction potential and, if needed, mitigation (see [SMC 25.09.100](#)).

Seattle City Light Requirements

Street/Alley Requirements

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10' Clearance from Structures: 10-ft horizontal clearance required between power lines and permanent structures. Review DPD TIP 122, Electric Utility Clearance Requirements, and SCL Construction Guideline D2-3 (<http://www.seattle.gov/Light/engstd/Docs/ConStd/d23.pdf>). Transmission lines require greater clearance. Changes to SCL's system to meet clearances are done at the project's expense. There are overhead high voltage lines along 6th Ave S.

Working Clearance: State law requires construction workers, their tools, machinery, equipment, and materials to maintain a 10-foot clearance from power lines. Review WAC 296-24-960 and OSHA 1910.333(c)(3)(i). Transmission lines require greater clearance. To work near power lines, notify SCL well in advance to de-energize and ground the lines, or relocate the lines temporarily. This SCL work is done at the project's expense. There are overhead high voltage lines along 6th Ave S.

An SCL engineer will require scaled building elevation drawings to determine clearances. Please submit an extra set of plans at DPD intake.

Underground electrical facilities/conductors require separation from other utilities. Review SCL Construction Guideline U2-10/NDK-50, Electrical Conduit and Facilities in the Public Rights of Way (<http://www.seattle.gov/Light/engstd/>). Before digging, contact the Utilities Underground Location Center ("one-call") at (800) 424-5555 two business days in advance to locate and mark underground utilities, per state law (RCW 19.122). There are underground electrical lines & facilities for streetlighting along 6th Ave S.

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Other requirements: The parent parcel is considered one site. The new building will need to be served from or combined with the existing electrical service to the site. Per SCL Requirements for Electric Service Connection,

<http://www.seattle.gov/light/contractors/resc/>, Chapter 5, page 28: "Single Service Rule", Seattle City Light will provide only one service to a site or building. Additional services will be supplied only at SCL's option and will be agreed to in writing. Please contact your Electrical Service Representative well in advance of construction for clarification and electrical service advice.

Other requirements: Relocating the existing electric service wire, equipment and/or meter may be needed. Relocation is at the project's expense. The proposed structure appears to be over the existing underground service to the site.

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Notes to Applicant

For a new or revised electrical service, please contact the Electrical Service Representative for your area several months before new service is required to determine your electric service design, service location and what kind of service is available at the building site. An Application for Electrical Service must be submitted to Seattle City Light. The Electrical Service Representative should also be contacted to coordinate electrical disconnections and temporary power for construction if needed. Your Electrical Service Representative is: Bill Danbom, 206-386-1797, bill.danbom@seattle.gov. Be advised that it is the applicant's responsibility to seek guidance from SCL. Failure to contact SCL at your earliest convenience could severely impact your project's scope, schedule and budget. This responsibility rests solely with the applicant.

SDOT Requirements

The City of Seattle's Right-of-Way Improvements Manual (ROWIM) and SDOT's Street & Sidewalk Pavement Opening and Restoration (PORR) Director's Rule 2004-02 may be accessed from SDOT's Street Use website at: http://www.seattle.gov/transportation/stuse_docs.htm. Whenever possible, specific reference notation for these two design documents is noted next to the design characteristics below. Be advised that these specific section and chapter references are provided as preliminary guidance only and are not comprehensive in scope.

SDOT Permitting Information

Initial Review Deposit: \$2,500

SDOT Plan Requirements: Engineered plan

SDOT Permit Requirements: Group 3: Street Use Major (Type 45). A 60% complete street improvement plan (SIP) must be approved by SDOT prior to your DPD construction intake appointment. SIP Design Guidance is required for 60% complete SIP approval; apply early. Please visit SDOT's Street Use website at: http://www.seattle.gov/transportation/stuse_sip.htm to obtain SDOT Client Assistance Memos (CAMs) and application materials to assist in developing your street improvement plan (SIP).

All private encroachments in the public right-of-way (ROW) require a 30-day permit that is renewed annually.

Street Improvement Requirements

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All improvements on private property must accommodate the right of way elevation at the property line using the standard cross-section in the ROWIM. Right of way grading may be required to provide vehicular and pedestrian access that meets the standard cross-section.

New/replacement sidewalk: See Seattle Right of Way Improvements Manual (ROWIM) as well as the City of Seattle Standard Plan 420, 421 and 422. pedestrian walkway

New/replacement curb ramps: See City's Standard Plans 422 and the current ADA requirements.

New/replacement corner curb radius: See Seattle Right of Way Improvements Manual (ROWIM).

Street drainage collection may be required when street improvements are installed. See Seattle Right of Way Improvements Manual (ROWIM) section 4.17.

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Tree protection: Removal of trees in the public right-of-way (ROW) is prohibited. Projects must be designed to accommodate existing trees in the ROW. Exceptions to this policy require review and approval by SDOT Urban Forestry. For residential projects, call (206) 684-TREE; for all other projects, call (206) 684-5693. Contact SDOT Urban Forestry immediately if you are proposing to remove street trees. If an exception from street tree removal is not granted, the project will need to be redesigned to preserve street trees.

All improvements on private property must accommodate the right of way elevation at the property line using the standard cross-section in the ROWIM. Right of way grading may be required to provide vehicular and pedestrian access that meets the standard cross-section.

New/replacement sidewalk: See Seattle Right of Way Improvements Manual (ROWIM) as well as the City of Seattle Standard Plan 420, 421 and 422. Repair & restoration of existing as needed.

New/Replacement Curb: See Seattle Right of Way Improvements Manual (ROWIM) and the City of Seattle Standard Plan 410. Construct new curb & restoration @ existing drwy closure(s) or modifications per DPD LU

New/replacement driveway: If there is a concrete curb in front of the project, the Street Use curb cut permit is issued by DPD. If there is not a concrete curb in front of the project, a Group 2 Street Use permit must be issued by Street Use. Refer to Standard Plan 430 for driveway curb cut standards. Construct new drwy per DPD permit & COS std plan 430A if required by DPD LU.

New/replacement curb ramps: See City's Standard Plans 422 and the current ADA requirements.

New/replacement corner curb radius: See Seattle Right of Way Improvements Manual (ROWIM).

Street drainage collection may be required when street improvements are installed. See Seattle Right of Way Improvements Manual (ROWIM) section 4.17. mitigation as required

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New/replacement driveway: If there is a concrete curb in front of the project, the Street Use curb cut permit is issued by DPD. If there is not a concrete curb in front of the project, a Group 2 Street Use permit must be issued by Street Use. Refer to Standard Plan 430 for driveway curb cut standards.

New/replacement curb ramps: See City's Standard Plans 422 and the current ADA requirements.

New/replacement corner curb radius: See Seattle Right of Way Improvements Manual (ROWIM).

Street drainage collection may be required when street improvements are installed. See Seattle Right of Way Improvements Manual (ROWIM) section 4.17. mitigation as required

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Tree planting. See Seattle Right of Way Improvements Manual (ROWIM) and City of Seattle Standard Plans 030, 100 and 424. Contact SDOT Urban Forestry for residential projects at (206) 684-TREE; for all others at (206) 684-5693 for approval of species and placement. Designated Landscape arterial

All improvements on private property must accommodate the right of way elevation at the property line using the standard cross-section in the ROWIM. Right of way grading may be required to provide vehicular and pedestrian access that meets the standard cross-section.

New/replacement sidewalk: See Seattle Right of Way Improvements Manual (ROWIM) as well as the City of Seattle Standard Plan 420, 421 and 422. New concrete curb & sidewalks

New/Replacement Curb: See Seattle Right of Way Improvements Manual (ROWIM) and the City of Seattle Standard Plan 410. New concrete curb & sidewalks

New/replacement curb ramps: See City's Standard Plans 422 and the current ADA requirements.

New/replacement corner curb radius: See Seattle Right of Way Improvements Manual (ROWIM).

Street drainage collection may be required when street improvements are installed. See Seattle Right of Way Improvements Manual (ROWIM) section 4.17. mitigation as required w/ improvements

SPU Requirements

Flow Control Compliance

All new, replaced, and disturbed topsoil shall be amended with organic matter per rules promulgated by the Director prior to completion of the project to improve onsite management of drainage water flow and water quality per SMC 22.805.020.E. For projects with 5,000 square feet or more of new and replaced impervious surface, a comprehensive drainage control plan shall be prepared by a licensed engineer.

All trail and sidewalk projects shall implement green stormwater infrastructure to the maximum extent feasible per SMC 22.805.030. Refer to DR SF-MEF and CAM 501. Table 4.6

Water Availability

Your water availability assessment has been approved.

Water Availability Certificate reference number: 20141364

Water Availability Certificate status: Approved with No Changes

Prepared by: Richard F Wilson

Existing Water System Information

Proximity of nearest fire hydrant is: 200 feet W of property. Meets standards.

Water Main:

Size: 8 inches

Material: Cast Iron

Class: D

- Standard

- Abutting

Water Main is available to serve in: S Mead St

Distance of main to N margin of street is 18 feet.

Public ROW width is 60 feet.

Water Service(s):

Size: 8"

Material: Other/unknown

Size: 4"

Material: Other/unknown

Size: 1"

Material: Plastic

Other Requirements

Owners of residential property occupied by a tenant who will be displaced by housing demolition, substantial rehabilitation, change of use, or removal of use restrictions may need to obtain a Tenant Relocation License. Refer to DPD Tip 123, Seattle's Tenant Relocation Assistance Ordinance, for further information and instructions or call (206) 684-7979.

If your project involves additions or modification to or demolition of an existing building that contains four or more dwelling units or 4,000 square feet or more of non-residential area, and the building is a designated historic landmark or is 50 years old and meets the criteria set forth in SMC 25.12 for landmark designation, SEPA is required. Please contact the Department of Neighborhoods at (206) 684-0228 or www.seattle.gov/neighborhoods/preservation to determine if your building is a designated landmark or if a referral is necessary to determine if the building meets the criteria in SMC 25.12. Refer to Tip 208 for information regarding the application requirements for a SEPA review and Tip 3000 for information regarding landmarks and historic preservation.

If the scope of your proposed project changes before your DPD intake appointment or SDOT street improvement plan application, the requirements in this report may change. If there are municipal code and ordinance changes before our DPD intake appointment, the project must meet the new code requirements. Additional street improvement requirements may be triggered if a permit application for a development project on adjacent property is also undergoing review.

Please be aware that all persons or companies working within the City limits, including all contractors, subcontractors, permit expeditors and other service providers are required to possess a valid City of Seattle business license. This license is required in addition to any other licenses required by the State of Washington, such as a contractors' license or state business license. For more information about City of Seattle business licenses, please contact inspector Michale Crooks at 206-684-8871, Michale.Crooks@seattle.gov, or visit the [Licensing and Tax Administration Division website](#).